(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) (a) to (d) The Government of India and Bangladesh have set up an institutional mechansim of Director General level meetings between the Border Security Force of India and the Bangladesh Rifles. The Director General Level talks between Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles are focussed on improving coordination between Border Security Force & Bangladesh Rifles for curbing infiltration, trans-border crimes like smuggling of arms, drugs etc, trafficking in women and children and cooperation in checking activities of terrorists etc. Apart from reducing tension on borders and containing criminal activities on Indo-Bangladesh border, these high level discussions have helped to develop a better understanding and coordination between the two border guarding forces leading to increased cooperation at ground level. The last Director General level talks between the Border Security Force and the Bangladesh Rifles were held on 22—25 March, 2002 in Dhaka.

Intelligence Agency's Report on Security Clearance to Private Airline Company

5146. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intelligence agencies have submitted any report questioning the security clearance given to a Private Airline Company; and

(b) if so, the details of the report, name of the airline company and the action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Cases for grant of security clearance are referred to Ministry of Home Affairs by the administrative Ministry/Department. Such references are examined in consultation with security/intelligence agencies and inputs conveyed to the concerned administrative Ministry/Department for taking a decision.

Since the inquiries are secret in nature, the inputs are not divulged in the public interest.

AG report on the purchase of Defective Jammer at exorbitant price

5147. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has castigated the Ministry of Home Affairs for purchasing a defective jammer at an exorbitant price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what corrective action, if any, has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if answer to (c) above is in the negative the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India in its Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil) for the period ending March 2001 has observed that an expenditure of Rs. 75.09 lakhs was incurred on purchase of a mini Jammer to deal with anti-explosive bomb operations by NSG for VIP security, had been rendered infractuous, as reportedly the jammer did not meet the specifications and failed to jam the communication equipment.

(c) and (d) For providing VIP security, Government had decided to procure a Mini Jammer (Model: DTJ-920) for National Security Guard (NSG) by import through Special Protection Group (SPG).

However, NSG found the Jammer not meeting the needs of mobile security. The SPG was of the view that the Jammer was meeting the specifications of the model.

A joint trial of the Jammer revealed that while it can be effectively used for deployment in static locations like public rostrum, conference hall etc. the system when installed on the VIP vehicle itself may only provide limited protection.